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SUBJECT: UNFICYP/TURKISH-CYPRIOT AGREEMENT

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM TURK CYPRIOTS AND UNFICYP OFFICIALS THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON UNFICYP PROCESS-VERBAL ARE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, ALBEIT SLOWLY. ON AUGUST 24, "TFSC FOREIGN MINISTER" VEDAT CELIK TOLD EMBOFFS THAT HE AND DENKTASH WERE CONFIDENT THAT THEY SOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT WITH UN OFFICIALS. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS OF SUBSTANCE BUT BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE ALL NEGOTIABLE. UN REPS IN NICOSIA SAY ALMOST THE SAME THING. DE CUELLAR AND GORGE ARE HAVING REGULAR MEETINGS WITH DENKTASH, WHO IS CARRYING OUT THESE NEGOTIATIONS HIMSELF. NEITHER SIDE SEEMS TO BE UNDER TIME PRESSURE NOR TO FEAR THAT A SOLUTION WILL NOT BE REACHED. SUBSTANCE OF THE RPOCES-VERBAL NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN SKETCHY BUT THE BASIC TRADE-OFF APPEARS TO BE THE EXTENT OF UNFICYP PRESENCE IN THE NORTH VS. THE DEGREE OF ACCESS BY UNFICYP TO ENCLAVED GREEKS. AS WE HAVE REPORTED BEFORE, UNFICYP IS FIGHTING A REAR-GUARD ACTION GRUDGINGLY GIVING UP SELECTED PERMANENT

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INSTALLATIONS IN THE NORTH FOR ASSURED ACCESS AND RIGHTS

TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ENCLAVED GREEK CYPRIOTS.

2. IN AUGUST 30 CONVERSATION ON SEPARATE SUBJECT (HUMANITARIAN TALKS--REPORTED SEPT 1) WE ASKED UN SENIOR POL ADVISOR GORGE IF HE AND UN SPECIAL REP DE CUELLAR FELT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE USEFUL IN TRYING TO MAINTAIN MIXIMUM UN PRESENCE IN THE NORTH. HE RESPONDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY; HE AND DE CUELLAR ARE SEEING SENKTASH AUGUST 30 OR SEPT 1 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS; ANY PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE MIGHT CAUSE DENKTASH TO BELIEVE THAT HIS PRESTIGE IS AT STAKE AND HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CHANCES FOR AGREEMENT. IN LIGHT OF GORGE'S POSITION, WE RECOMMEND THAT USG TAKE NO ACTION TO SUPPORT PROCES-VERBAL AT THIS TIME. DILLERY

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